



**Hotline  
for  
Missed  
or Extra  
Recycling  
Pickups  
704-336-5371**



**Stop Contamination!** Contamination can mean an entire dumpster or truck of recyclables will be sent to the landfill instead of the recycling facility. Contamination occurs when trash and non-recyclable items are put in the recycling containers. Custodians are often the first line of defense against contamination. Pizza boxes and half-full drink cans and bottles are major sources of contamination. If contamination is found in the collection containers, it must be placed in the trash. Trash containers should be placed near recycling containers in order to minimize contamination.



# It's Up to You...

## Recycle...it's the law!

The Mecklenburg County Recycling Ordinance requires schools that generate 16 cubic yards (or two standard dumpsters) of trash per week to keep recyclables out of their dumpsters. A school can be fined if it is not in compliance. A custodian's role in collecting recyclables and placing them into the outside recycling dumpster is vital to the success of the schools recycling program efforts.

**Good News...**Charlotte - Mecklenburg Schools has a recycling program in place!

## Making the Recycling Program A Success

- Make sure all recycling containers are clearly marked.
- Watch for contamination and dump any recycling container with contamination into a trash container.
- Monitor the outside recycling dumpster for contamination and overflow.
- If contamination is frequently found in the recycling containers or large amounts of recyclable paper is found in the trash containers, report these concerns to the school's Recycling Coordinator.
- If your outside recycling container is not picked up or an extra pickup is needed, call Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction at 704-336-5371. Your container will be serviced within 24 hours.
- If you need additional recycling containers or have questions, contact your school Recycling Coordinator or call Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction at 704-336-3777.

